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CAST PART FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

## THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 26, 2005, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed October 31, 2005, and the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed May 7, 2007, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the reference DE 196 52 049 listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The document was found during the examination of the European Patent application which is based on the same PCT application (PCT/DE2003/003901) as the above-identified U.S. Patent application. U.S. 6,076,494 is the Englishlanguage equivalent. A copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed pursuant to current Patent and Trademark Office guidelines.

In DE 196 52 049 a crankcase is described which comprises two half-shells clamped together (FIG. 2). Bearings 5 are supplied by a main oil-supply line 103 and a line 104 which are both clamped between the two half-shells. The crankcase comprises several tubes 20 which were embedded when the crankcase was cast and which serve for lubricant supply to the engine parts disposed at the top of the crankcase (cylinder covers and camshaft bearings). The tubes are supplied via connecting bores 28 with oil from the bearings 5. In order to produce the necessary oil supply system towards the cylinder covers and camshaft bearings several bores 28 have to be drilled (connections between the bearings 5 and the cast-in tubes 20). According to the invention as recited in Applicant's claim 27, several tubes embedded inside of the cast crankcase are drilled through in one mechanical step (introducing of the main oil duct through drilling).

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before an Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required; however, if a fee should be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2468 for any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this IDS.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted

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